



AVID's mission is to **close the achievement gap** by preparing all students for **college readiness** and **success** in a global society.

Advancement Via Individual Determination



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What is AVID Secondary?

AVID Secondary (grades 6-12) is an essential component of the **AVID College Readiness System** and is designed to enable schoolwide implementation of AVID's proven instructional methodologies and content area best practices to improve outcomes for all students. AVID Secondary goes beyond the AVID Elective course to affect an entire campus or district by creating a college-going culture that increases the number of students who enroll and succeed in higher education and their lives beyond.

The AVID Elective

The AVID Elective is the core of AVID Secondary. It targets students in the academic middle-B, C, and even D students—with the desire to go to college and the willingness to work hard. Typically, they will be the first in their families to attend college, and come from groups traditionally underrepresented in higher education. These are students who are capable of completing rigorous curriculum but are falling short of their potential.

AVID places these students on the college track, requiring them to enroll in the most rigorous courses that are appropriate for them, such as Honors and Advanced Placement[®]. To support them in the rigorous coursework, AVID students learn organizational and study skills, develop critical thinking, learn to ask probing questions, receive **academic help from peers and college tutors**, and participate in enrichment and motivational activities to make their college dreams reality.

AVID Educators

To ensure success, AVID Secondary needs an AVID site coordinator who is a respected site instructional leader and works well with secondary school personnel and college students. The AVID site coordinator organizes curriculum as well as activities for the AVID Elective classes and is committed to serving the needs of students. The coordinator also works with colleagues and counselors to implement AVID methodologies schoolwide, place students in college-preparatory curriculum, and guide students through the college application process. The AVID site coordinator not only embeds best teaching practices, supports students, develops family and community outreach, but also works with the districts and divisions that oversee AVID's implementation.

The AVID Parent

AVID parents encourage their students to achieve academically, participate on an advisory board and in AVID parent and site team meetings, as well as maintain regular contact with the AVID coordinator. Many parents and students also participate in AVID Family Workshops at their schools. Explore resources to **help parents support their students**.

The Community

Community support is vital for a strong AVID Secondary implementation. The community can support AVID by providing speakers and summer apprenticeships for AVID students. Colleges can demonstrate their support of AVID in many ways, such as providing class speakers, offering college credit courses or summer programs to AVID high school students, or following the progress of AVID students during their college careers.

See what happens in **exemplary AVID schools**. If you would like to find out more, read about **AVID's impact**.